



2022 Charles Schwab Challenge

(The 32nd of 47 events in the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)

Fort Worth, Texas May 26-29, 2022 FedExCup Points: 500 Colonial Country Club Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,209 Purse: \$8,400,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 26, 2022

Weather: Sunny. High of 85. Wind SW 10-15, gusting to 22 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

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Things to Know

- Eight players tied for the 18-hole lead marks the most on the PGA TOUR since nine at the 2011 Genesis Invitational and is the most in Charles Schwab Challenge history (5/1988)
- Outside majors, 4-under marks the highest 18-hole lead on TOUR since the 2020 BMW Championship (-3)
- Since 1990, the first-round leader/co-leader has won the Charles Schwab Challenge just three times
- Coming off his win at last week's PGA Championship, Justin Thomas opens his third consecutive Charles Schwab Challenge in 1-over 71
- Defending champion Jason Kokrak opens in 1-under 69 in bid to join Ben Hogan as players to successfully defend the tournament's title (1946-47, 1952-53)

First-Round Lead Notes

- Number of first-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Charles Schwab Challenge since 1990 (Steve Stricker/2009, David Toms/2011, Zach Johnson/2012)
- First-round leaders/co-leaders to win individual stroke-play events in the 2021-22 season (most recent: Jon Rahm/Mexico Open at Vidanta)

Patrick Reed (T1/-4)

Category	Entering week
Age	31 (August 5, 1990)
FedExCup	66
OWGR	38
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	264-9-55
Starts-wins-top-10s (2021-22)	17-0-1
Starts-wins-top-10s (CSC)	5-0-1

- Coming off a missed cut in last year's Charles Schwab Challenge, made five birdies against one bogey to open with a 4-under 66
- One top-10 finish in five previous starts in the event (T7/2020)
- One top-10 finish in 17 starts this season (T2/Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- 4-for-6 when holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (most recent: 2021 Farmers Insurance Open)

Webb Simpson (T1/-4)

Category	Entering week
Age	36 (August 8, 1985)
FedExCup	125
OWGR	48
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	330-7-82
Starts-wins-top-10s (2021-22)	12-0-1
Starts-wins-top-10s (CSC)	6-0-2

- Following missed cuts in his last two Charles Schwab Challenge starts of 2018 and 2020, opened with a 4-under 66
- In six previous starts in the event, the only two occasions on which he opened with a sub-par score resulted in top-5 finishes (T3/2016, 5th/2017)
- Seeks an eighth PGA TOUR title and first since the 2020 RBC Heritage
- 1-for-11 when holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR (2018 PLAYERS Championship)

Scottie Scheffler (T1/-4)

Category	Entering week
Age	25 (June 21, 1996)
FedExCup	1
OWGR	1
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	79-4-22
Starts-wins-top-10s (2021-22)	16-4-7
Starts-wins-top-10s (CSC)	2-0-0

- World No. 1 and Dallas resident opened his third Charles Schwab Challenge with a bogey-free 4-under 66 (T55/2020, MC/2021)
- Prior to missing the cut at last week's PGA Championship, needed just 15 events this season to amass his first four career PGA TOUR titles
- 0-for-1 when holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR

Harold Varner III (T1/-4)

Category	Entering week
Age	31 (August 15, 1990)
FedExCup	51
OWGR	39
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	181-0-16
Starts-wins-top-10s (2021-22)	15-0-3
Starts-wins-top-10s (CSC)	3-0-0

- In his fourth start in the Charles Schwab Challenge, offset four bogeys with six birdies and an eagle-3 at No. 11
- After a missed cut in his first start of 2017, finished T19 and T32 in 2020 and 2021, respectively
- Remains in search of his first career TOUR title in his 182nd start
- 0-for-3 when holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR

Chris Kirk (T1/-4)

Category	Entering week
Age	37 (May 8, 1985)
FedExCup	57
OWGR	67
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	293-4-36
Starts-wins-top-10s (2021-22)	17-0-3
Starts-wins-top-10s (CSC)	11-1-2

• 2015 Charles Schwab Challenge winner offset two bogeys with six birdies to open with a 4-under 66 in his 12th start at the Charles Schwab Challenge

- Seeks a fifth career PGA TOUR title and first since his 2015 win at Colonial Country Club
- 0-for-5 when holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR

Nick Taylor (T1/-4)

Category	Entering week
Age	34 (April 14, 1988)
FedExCup	112
OWGR	244
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	7-0-0
Starts-wins-top-10s (2021-22)	216-2-12
Starts-wins-top-10s (CSC)	7-0-0

- Canadian followed a 332-yard drive at the par-4 12th by holing his approach shot from 95 yards for an eagle en route to equaling his lowest score in 23 rounds at the Charles Schwab Challenge
- Best finish in seven previous starts at the Charles Schwab Challenge was T27 in 2015
- Winner of the 2014 Sanderson Farms Championship and 2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- 1-for-2 when holding an 18-hole lead on TOUR (2020 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am wire-to-wire)

Cam Davis (T1/-4)

Category	Entering week
Age	27 (February 21, 1995)
FedExCup	119
OWGR	89
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	92-1-7
Starts-wins-top-10s (2021-22)	16-0-2
Starts-wins-top-10s (CSC)	2-0-0

- After an even-par outgoing nine on Nos. 10-18, played his inward half in 4-under (five birdies, one bogey)
- In two previous Charles Schwab Challenge starts, missed the cut in 2020 and finished T45 last year
- Lone PGA TOUR title came at the 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic
- Best of two top-10 finishes this season was T3 (RBC Heritage)
- 0-for-1 when holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR

Beau Hossler (T1/-4)

Category	Entering week
Age	27 (March 16, 1995)
FedExCup	58
OWGR	186
Starts-wins-top-10s (career)	135-0-9
Starts-wins-top-10s (2021-22)	16-0-2
Starts-wins-top-10s (CSC)	4-0-0

- Made a pair of par-4 eagles (No. 6/65 yards, No. 9/135 yards)
- Best finish in four previous Charles Schwab Challenge starts was T40/2019
- Best PGA TOUR finishes in 135 starts: P2/2018 Houston Open, T2/2018 Travelers Championship
- 0-for-1 when holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR

Additional Player Notes

- Defending Charles Schwab Challenge champion **Jason Kokrak** is T26 after opening with a 1-under 69; Ben Hogan (1946-47, 1952-53) is the only player to successfully defend the tournament's title
- Coming off his win at last week's PGA Championship, **Justin Thomas** opens his third consecutive Charles Schwab Challenge start in 1-over 71 (T57)